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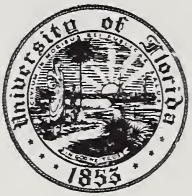

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Biography

HUGH ALFRED BUTLER was born on a farm near Missouri Valley, Harrison County, Iowa, February 28, 1878; attended the public schools and was graduated from Doane College at Crete, Nebr., in 1900; construction engineer with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 1900–8; member of the city board of Curtis, Nebr., 1908–13; engaged in the flour-milling and grain business at Curtis, Crete, and Omaha, Nebr., 1908–40; member of the board of education of Omaha, Nebr., 1919–46; Republican National Committeeman for Nebraska 1936–40; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1940; reelected in 1946 and again in 1952 and served from January 3, 1941, until his death in the naval hospital at Bethesda, Md., July 1, 1954; interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Omaha, Nebr.

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for
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Proceedings in the Senate

THURSDAY, *July 1, 1954.*

Mrs. BOWRING. Mr. President, it is with great sadness that I announce to the Senate the untimely death, at 11:15 this evening, of my colleague the distinguished and beloved senior Senator from Nebraska, HUGH BUTLER.

I submit a resolution, which I ask to have read.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 274) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Hon. HUGH A. BUTLER, late a Senater from the State of Nebraska.

Resolved, That the President of the Senate appoint a committee, of which he shall be a member, to attend the funeral of the deceased Senator.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Mr. KNOWLAND. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of our beloved colleague, the distinguished Senator from Nebraska, I move that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 11 o'clock and 58 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, July 2, 1954, at 10 o'clock a. m.

FRIDAY, *July 2, 1954.*

The Chaplain, Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, D. D., offered the following prayer:

O God, whose spirit searcheth all things and whose love seekest us even through pain and loss, incline our hearts to draw near to Thee in sincerity and truth. In the living present Thou dost speak through the deeds and lips of those whose lives are moved with compassion at the want and woe of their fellows.

Again we come with heavy hearts as our Nation mourns the loss of a servant of Thine and of the Republic, who, across devoted years in this temple of democracy, with fidelity and understanding, served his fellow man in a tempestuous time. Such as he, lifted above the crowd in private living and public thinking as they faithfully serve their day and generation and then fall on sleep, speak to us in their life and in their death, reminding us that honesty, kindness, and selfless toil are the steps to true distinction.

We are mindful on this day of our mourning for the loss of a loved colleague that not only in the halls of legislation did he serve, but that in business relationships he practiced his religion; that he freely gave his time and energy to great organizations which strive to bind men together in enduring brotherhood; that he dedicated his counsel to educational and church leadership, and extended the hand of active assistance to those who with Christlike compassion lift up the underprivileged and the fallen. Leaving an enduring record of public devotion and the benediction of a noble character, now that for him the busy world is hushed, vouchsafe to him, O Lord, light and peace and joy in the life everlasting. Amen.

Mr. KNOWLAND. Mr. President, last night the Senate adjourned upon receipt of the news of the death of our late colleague, Senator HUGH BUTLER, of Nebraska.

I am sure that every Member of the Senate feels a deep sense of personal loss. I have now served in this body for only approximately 9 years, but during that period of time, and also prior to my coming to the Senate, I have had the opportunity of knowing Senator HUGH BUTLER. Not only was he an outstanding citizen of his State and of the Nation but he was a man who had a deep consciousness of his civic responsibilities, and in his home community he participated in many civic affairs which make for a better America.

HUGH BUTLER was first elected to the Senate of the United States in 1940, after serving his party as a county chairman and as a national committeeman. Following his election to the Senate in 1940, he was reelected by overwhelming majorities in 1946 and in 1952.

Senator BUTLER was the ranking Republican member of the Senate Finance Committee. He was the chairman of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. In the Republican conference he served as chairman of the Committee on Committees. He was very helpful to every new Member who came to the Senate. I believe that when Senator HUGH BUTLER'S legislative record is studied it will be found that, while he did not make many formal speeches on the floor of this body, he was in every sense an effective legislator. He was diligent in attendance on the committees of which he was a member; and he recognized the importance, under our legislative system, of committee work. He served as an able and conscientious Member of this body almost to the hour of his death.

Mr. President, when one of our Members passes on it is most difficult to realize that he is gone; but I know that so long as any of us shall live, we shall have pleasant recollections of our association with a great citizen and a great United States Senator—HUGH BUTLER, of Nebraska.

Mr. President, at this time I should like to make a brief announcement. I have been in touch with the colleague of the late Senator BUTLER and also with members of his staff,

who were in touch with his family. Definite plans for the funeral arrangements will be announced a little later; but in order that Senators may be advised of at least the tentative arrangements, let me say that I understand there will be local services here in Washington tomorrow morning; that Senator BUTLER's body will then be sent home by train; and that funeral services in Nebraska are likely to be held on Monday next.

The Senators in the funeral party may go either by train or by plane. I understand that a plane will go to Nebraska, so that it will be possible for Senators to leave here on Monday morning and return on Monday night.

I do not wish this announcement to be taken as the announcement of the final arrangements; but inasmuch as a number of Senators have made inquiries, I thought that at least this tentative announcement might be made.

I also wish to say that after consultation with both the colleague of the late Senator and members of his staff, I have stated that at a time convenient to them and to the family, we shall set aside a day, with advance notice, for memorial services for the late Senator from Nebraska; and at that time appropriate addresses can be made.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I wish to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the distinguished majority leader, who, I am sure, voiced the sentiments of the entire Senate regarding our late colleague, the Senator from Nebraska, HUGH BUTLER.

Mr. President, the State of Nebraska has lost one of its finest statesmen. The Republican Party has lost one of its great pillars of strength. We in the Senate have said goodby to one of the most kindly men who ever served here, one of the most constructive, one of the most understanding and sympathetic. The Nation has lost an outstanding leader.

At an appropriate time, I am sure a great many Members on this side of the aisle will wish to make statements in

tribute to our late and beloved colleague, Senator HUGH BUTLER, of Nebraska.

Mr. CASE. Mr. President, while I appreciate the statement of the majority leader that at a later time a day will be designated for voicing tributes to the late Senator from Nebraska, our beloved colleague, HUGH BUTLER, I should not like this day to go by without taking a moment or two to say something about HUGH BUTLER, and what he has meant to my section of the country.

It was my privilege to meet HUGH BUTLER more than 20 years ago. I believe it was in the fall of 1932 that HUGH BUTLER, as district governor of Rotary International, came to my home town of Custer, in the Black Hills of South Dakota, and presented to a local group at Sylvan Lake their charter in Rotary International. The friendship which began more than 20 years ago has been one of my treasured friendships throughout the years. I came to know HUGH BUTLER then not primarily as a Member of the United States Senate, but as a man who enjoyed the confidence and trust of a great host of people in Nebraska and throughout that portion of the United States.

HUGH BUTLER was the son of a man of very modest means, so his life story is another chapter in the characteristic pattern of America. He worked for a time on the railroad. I think he taught school for a while. Then he worked in a mill. Eventually he became the owner of a flour mill, and of other mills and elevators, and went into the grain business on a much larger scale. He made a very substantial fortune, but HUGH BUTLER was not a man to parade that fact, or to say much about it.

He had the misfortune to lose his two sons early in life. He and Mrs. Butler then decided that the money they had made should be used for the education of young people. It is my understanding that during the course of his life he gave away more than half a million dollars to establish scholarships and to construct buildings at colleges which attracted

his attention in one section of the country or another. A great many of his bequests were to Doane College, at Crete, of which he himself was a graduate. Later he moved to Omaha, and in Omaha, the principal city of Nebraska, HUGH BUTLER soon established himself as a man of outstanding reputation and character.

He was asked to serve in connection with various community enterprises, such as the Community Chest, the Red Cross, the YMCA, and other movements associated with doing something for people. Though he himself was the last person who would say much about it, he derived his greatest pleasure in doing those things which contributed to the improvement of the lot of his fellow beings, and particularly those movements which were associated with the development of young people.

I recall the message he sent to me when I was first elected to Congress. I recall my greeting to him when he was elected to the Senate. Through the years there has been a friendship which held a deep personal meaning for me. It was built upon my respect for a man whom any young man would have been pleased to call friend, uncle, or father. He was that to all of us, because of the personal interest he took in the advancement and development of other people.

Mrs. BOWRING. Mr. President, the death last night of the senior Senator from Nebraska, the beloved HUGH BUTLER, who was a friend not only to all the people of Nebraska but to all who were his colleagues in the Senate, leaves us at the moment so distraught that I am glad arrangements have been made for a period of deserved eulogies at a later time.

Speaking for myself, I am sure that when the shock of this devastating loss is not so fresh upon us I could more calmly and appropriately speak of the affection and esteem in which he was held by all who knew him.

But, Mr. President, at this time I should simply like to make a short announcement concerning the plans which have been made for the funeral services for my colleague.

There will be brief funeral services for Senator BUTLER in Washington tomorrow, Saturday, July 3, at 11 o'clock in the morning, at Gawler's Funeral Home, 1756 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

The funeral train which will take him home to Nebraska will depart from Washington on Saturday evening at 5:30 o'clock and will arrive in Omaha at 9 o'clock on Sunday night.

I am informed that an official congressional funeral party will follow by airplane, leaving Washington at 8 a. m. on Monday morning from the MATS terminal at Washington Airport and arriving in Omaha, at Offutt Field, at 10:30 o'clock on Monday morning.

The funeral services for Senator BUTLER in Omaha have been set for Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock on July 5.

It is my information that his body will be at the John Gentleman Mortuary, and that the services themselves will be at the First Central Congregational Church, at 36th and Harney Streets.

The burial will be in Omaha, where Senator BUTLER will rest beside the beloved wife, whom he lost early in 1941, and the two sons of the Butler family who were taken by death before reaching manhood.

I know that each Member of the Senate shares with me a deep sense of personal loss. I know further that it will be a comfort to the people of Nebraska, in this hour of grief, to know that their sense of loss is shared by the rest of the Nation, and that they are joined by all of us in paying homage to a great American—a man who has typified the very spirit of American opportunity and great success hammered out of meager beginnings.

Mr. KNOWLAND. Mr. President, for the information of Senators who were not present earlier today, let me state that previously I announced that at a later date and time satisfactory to the colleague of the late Senator BUTLER of

Nebraska and to Senator BUTLER'S family and staff, the Senate will hold memorial services for him.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in today's Record, immediately following the statements made this morning concerning the plans for the funeral services for the late Senator BUTLER of Nebraska, the following statement from Mr. Forest Harness, Sergeant at Arms of the Senate:

Inasmuch as Monday, July 5, is a legal holiday and the State of Nebraska will not permit burial on legal holidays, Senator BUTLER'S funeral will be changed from Monday to Tuesday, July 6.

FOREST A. HARNESS,
Sergeant at Arms.

Mr. President, the plane which had been scheduled to leave on Monday morning from the MATS terminal will leave, instead, on Tuesday morning, but at the same time, namely, 8 o'clock a. m., Washington time. As I understand the situation, the other part of the arrangements will be the same, insofar as the services to be held here in Washington, on tomorrow, are concerned.

Mr. President, I wish to express my appreciation to the distinguished minority leader, and also to commend him for the very statesmanlike—and I believe very sound—position he has taken. I assure him that the majority leader likewise feels that in meeting the grave problems in foreign and defense policies which confront our Nation, we must view them as Americans and not as partisans. I agree that we are now at the crossroads.

If we call the roll of Senators who have come to the United States Senate from Nebraska we call the roll of men of character. We have had the great misfortune, within the few years that I have been in the Senate, to see three of them go: KENNETH WHERRY, DWIGHT GRISWOLD, and HUGH BUTLER. Two of them left us within a very short space of time, even within the past few weeks. All of them were characterized by integrity and character and high ideals of public service.

High on the list anyone would have to place the name of HUGH BUTLER.

It is with a deep sense of personal loss, but with a great sense of pride that our country can produce men like HUGH BUTLER, that I say these few words today, feeling that not only have I lost a personal friend, but that the Nation has lost one of its great public servants.

Mr. BRIDGES. Mr. President, in due course I shall join my colleagues in a memorial service to pay my tributes to a great United States Senator who has just passed on, HUGH BUTLER. The distinguished majority leader has indicated that a time for memorial services will be set aside, at which time we may join in paying our tribute to HUGH BUTLER.

Mr. MORSE. Mr. President, it had been my hope that this morning we would pay the highest respect that we could pay to the memory of HUGH BUTLER by recessing immediately.

I wish to say in regard to HUGH BUTLER what may be surprising to some Members of the Senate. HUGH BUTLER and I were closer personal friends than I believe many Members of the Senate realize. We conferred on a great many matters, including a great many matters on which we had differences of opinion. All I wish to say today in his memory is that I have lost a personal friend.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Bartlett, one of its clerks, communicated to the Senate the resolutions of the House adopted as a tribute to the memory of Hon. HUGH A. BUTLER, late a Senator from the State of Nebraska.

TUESDAY, *July 6, 1954.*

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that, pursuant to the second resolving clause of Senate Resolution 274, agreed to July 1, 1954, the Vice President had appointed the following Senators to constitute, together with the Vice

President, the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the late Senator BUTLER of Nebraska: Mrs. Bowring, Mr. Bridges, Mr. Wiley, Mr. Langer, Mr. Aiken, Mr. Millikin, Mr. Cordon, Mr. Smith of New Jersey, Mr. Capehart, Mr. Hickenlooper, Mr. Morse, Mr. Saltonstall, Mr. Young, Mr. Knowland, Mr. Flanders, Mr. Sparkman, Mr. Bricker, Mr. Ives, Mr. Jenner, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Malone, Mr. Martin, Mr. Thye, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Williams, Mr. Mundt, Mr. Hendrickson, Mr. Schoeppel, Mrs. Smith of Maine, Mr. Dworshak, Mr. Clements, Mr. Carlson, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Butler of Maryland, Mr. Case, Mr. Dirksen, Mr. Welker, Mr. Duff, Mr. Bush, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Potter, Mr. Kuchel, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Beall, Mr. Goldwater, Mr. Gore, Mr. Payne, Mr. Purtell, Mr. Upton, and Mr. Crippa.

THURSDAY, *July 8, 1954.*

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. President, as the junior Senator from Nebraska rises for the first time, standing at the desk of the late senior Senator from Nebraska, HUGH BUTLER, a fine Christian gentleman, whose great, noble, and kindly soul has gone to its Maker, he knows of nothing more appropriate than to invite the attention of the Senate to an eloquent eulogy delivered by the Reverend Harold T. Janes, minister of the First Central Congregational Church in Omaha, on the occasion of the late Senator BUTLER's funeral.

I ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the Appendix of the Record.

Mr. MARTIN. Mr. President, because of the great importance of this eulogy in honor of one of the finest men who have ever sat in the United States Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the eulogy be printed in the body of the Record at this point.

There being no objection, the eulogy was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

FUNERAL SERMON FOR THE HONORABLE HUGH A. BUTLER, UNITED STATES SENATOR

I

One of the commonly accepted traditions of America is that a man may be born in a log cabin and yet ultimately live in the White House. Although this was true of one President of the United States, many of those who occupy the seat of the scornful think this tradition is a myth which has little basis in reality. When we are tempted to accept this cynical view of our society we suddenly become aware of the fact that there are many men in our time who are demonstrating the truth of this tradition. Again and again men and women who are born in lowly circumstances rise to positions of great influence and power in our free democratic society.

We are gathered together from grain fields and from the grain markets, from the plains and mountains of the West, and from the teeming cities of the East, members of many races and many faiths, to pay tribute to a man whose life was a demonstration of the fact that in America all caste systems are destroyed, and every individual, regardless of his place of birth, may rise to a position of high and respected leadership in his nation.

Accompanying his pioneering parents as a lad of six when they crossed Nebraska in a covered wagon and built a sod house on a homestead near Cambridge, by his own labor HUGH BUTLER earned his way through college. He followed three careers during his long life. At first he was a construction engineer on the Burlington Railroad, then an outstanding grain dealer, and finally he was elected to three successive terms in the highest legislative body of our Nation, the United States Senate.

If you would inquire concerning the secret of such achievement you would have to ascribe a great deal to the influence of hard-working parents and the kindly interest of many friends. But most of all he found inspiration in a book. As we gather in tribute to our friend, I invite you to turn to a famous passage from that book:

"He has showed you, O Man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6: 8).

HUGH BUTLER was a man who believed in doing justice.

Impressed as a small boy with the difficulties which his father faced in earning a livelihood from the soil, and thrown throughout his boyhood and years of mature business life into association with people who depended upon the prosperity of the farms and ranches of the State, he was unusually sensitive to the disadvantageous position which the farmers and ranchers held in the national economy. When the drought years of the thirties came, searing the grazing lands until the cattle became barrels of bones, and dust clouds darkened the skies, he was impressed with the need of strengthening our rural economy.

When in later years he was sent to the United States Senate he continued to represent the interests of the people of the farms and ranches. As chairman of the important Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, he was able to do a great deal for the increase of irrigation and the reclamation of land. He was a kind of Nebraska Amos who would remind the Nation of the existence of the economic injustices and inequities saying: "You trample upon the poor, and take from him exactions of wheat."

As a poor boy who worked after school and Saturdays in order that he might receive an education, he was convinced that a free people must be an educated people. He took the lead in establishing an agricultural high school in western Nebraska so that boys and girls from the far-separated ranches might have the advantages of an education.

In later life he gave nearly all of his fortune to Doane College so that succeeding generations of poor boys and girls might drink from the fountain of knowledge. He wanted all boys and girls to possess the liberty of which the Master spoke when He said: "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Because he knew as a boy how difficult it was to accumulate money, he proved to be an excellent guardian of the Federal Treasury. He remembered as a boy that he had found four silver dollars in the snow, and the lesson his father impressed upon him. Much to HUGH'S reluctance, his father insisted they not return home until they had found the person who had lost the money and returned it to him. During his Senate days HUGH BUTLER was a joint sponsor of the Government corporation control law, one of the most important pieces of legislation in this generation, and was active as a member of the Senate Finance Committee in scrutinizing and working for the reduction of Federal expenditures.

The dominating passion of his life was to do justice. Like Amos, he could hear God saying: "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

II

"What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness." Some men in their desire to do justice become vitriolic and embittered in nature, and engage in continual denunciation and vituperation. Such was not true of HUGH BUTLER. He wanted to do justice, but he also loved kindness.

Those who knew him in his younger days remember the enduring and deep affection which existed between him and his wife, and his sorrow over her tragic death just before he was to take his seat in the United States Senate. The loss of their first child shortly after birth, and the death of a second son at 12 years of age from pneumonia, were sorrows which they bore bravely during the rest of their married life together.

The affection which he might have given to his own children he bestowed upon others. "What Mrs. Butler and I wanted to do for our boy," he said, "we will do for other boys." And so he established scholarships at his beloved alma mater, Doane College, so that annually 30 boys and girls might be able to receive a college education.

His kindness carried over into his political career. He had his convictions. He voiced them freely, and defended them courageously. But he never tried to achieve political advantage by attacking his opponents. When he was asked why he was running against one of his fellow church members, Edward Burke, his reply was: "Ed Burke is a good friend of mine. Why don't you vote for him?"

Because in each election he faced and defeated a Governor of the State of Nebraska, and was never defeated in any election when he sought public office, you would hear occasional discussion of the "Butler machine." If there was a machine, and there certainly was not in the traditional sense of the term, it was a machine built upon innumerable kindnesses.

When I think of his kindness I think of a little girl who with her parents was the guest of Senator BUTLER in the Senate restaurant. He might well have talked only with the adults who were present and ignored her, but in the midst of the luncheon he took a menu, got up from the table and went around to a number of the distinguished Senators eating lunch in the same room, and asked them to autograph the menu for the little girl who was his guest. She took it home with her, and had it framed along with Senator BUTLER'S picture, and to this day considers it one of her choicest possessions.

"What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness."

III

"What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

HUGH BUTLER did justice, and loved kindness, because he believed such was a requirement of the Lord. Like Amos he had heard God saying: "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." He was kind to others because he had experienced the kindness of God, and knew as did the writer of the book of Jonah that He was a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

From early boyhood he attended the Congregational Church in Cambridge. When he moved to Curtis he was superintendent of the church school. Later he became an active member of the First Central Congregational Church, of Omaha, serving at one time as a moderator of the Nebraska Congregational Conference. He was aware of the fact that his achievements were not entirely of his own making; they were the result of the guidance and beneficence of God. And so in later years when he was honored by his fellow citizens he did not permit the praise which he received to inflate him with pride. He remembered that he lived not only in the sight of his neighbors and friends; he lived also under the gaze of God. Because he was a truly religious man, he was always a humble man.

His philosophy could be summed up in these lines from Henry Van Dyke:

"Let me live my life from year to year
With forward face and unreluctant soul,
Not hastening to nor turning from the goal;
Not mourning for the things that disappear
In the dim past, nor holding back in fear
From what the future veils; but a whole
And happy heart, that pays its toll
To youth and age, and travels on with cheer.
I shall grow old, but never lose life's zest
Because the road's last turn will be the best."

And now he has found that the last turn of the road is the best. For around that turn of the road he has approached the gates of the Celestial City, and is now reunited with the loved ones who have been waiting for him. And if he wonders humbly if he should enter therein, I am sure that the guardian of the gates will say to him: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Master."

"What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

HUGH ALFRED BUTLER

WEDNESDAY, *July 21, 1954.*

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a letter from the secretary, Republican Club of St. Thomas and St. John, V. I., transmitting a resolution adopted by that club, expressing its condolence and sympathy on the death of the late Senator HUGH BUTLER, of Nebraska, which was ordered to lie on the table.

TUESDAY, *November 9, 1954.*

Mr. HRUSKA. Mr. President, it is with deep regret that my first remarks as a newly elected Senator from the State of Nebraska must necessarily be in tribute to my distinguished predecessor and my close and valued personal friend and fellow townsman, the late Senator HUGH BUTLER.

His humble beginnings were those which are typical of many who find their way into public life. Not a native of Nebraska, but closely associated with it from the days when he acccompanied his parents across the Iowa and Nebraska plains in a covered wagon, he began his long and illustrious career in a sod house on the family homestead near Cambridge; and for the remainder of his life he was closely and intimately identified with the State which later he so ably represented in the United States Senate. He entered Doane College on a scholarship earned by selling magazine subscriptions and completed his education by doing odd jobs and working in the harvest fields during the summer. After graduation he worked as a construction engineer for the Burlington Railroad. Shortly after World War I he entered the grain business, and at the time of his election to the Senate in 1940 he was one of the outstanding grain dealers of the Midwest. Upon his election he disposed of his business interests so that he could devote full time to Senate affairs.

Always active in civic, religious, and political affairs, Senator BUTLER served in various capacities with Rotary International, board of education, Salvation Army, chamber of commerce, and other civic associations.

Deeply religious, he sought spiritual guidance in his own quiet and humble way. As a young man he joined the Congregational Church and was Sunday school superintendent in his hometown of Cambridge. Later he became State moderator of Congregational Churches.

HUGH BUTLER lived a simple life. He permitted himself few luxuries, but he derived an immense satisfaction from helping others. He was particularly interested in his alma mater, Doane College. Although he left the greater bulk and residue of his estate to Doane College, he did not wait until he became a wealthy man to be of help.

As a matter of fact, when he was trying to gain a foothold as an engineer between the railroad ties of the railroad with which he started as an engineer, he sent $5 contributions to his college to help it in its efforts to continue as an educational institution. As his own personal wealth increased, so did his contributions to Doane College. In 1925, when that college's continuation hung in the balance, he made a life-saving gift to it of some $25,000.

Upon taking his seat in the Senate he presented to Doane College a trust fund, in memory of his wife, in the amount of $250,000. That fund is known as the Fay Johnson Butler scholarship fund. It constitutes high evidence of his interest and faith in the youth of the country. Each year 30 young men and women receive the benefits of this fund.

It is not for me, as a newcomer to the Senate, to delineate the stature of Senator BUTLER as a Member of this body. That can be done more ably by those with whom he served. However, it can be said that his civic, business, and religious activities, as well as his generosities, were significant as a sort of prelude to service in this body.

In that service he displayed those qualities of leadership, understanding, and Christian character which were so innately his. His sense of fairness and his clear vision into the implications and the impact of the decisions at hand made him a good and sound representative of his State and his

Nation. His wide experience with men and affairs gave him a broad understanding of the many situations and problems which confronted him from time to time.

We in Nebraska are proud of his contribution to the formal channels of government and to good citizenship in its highest and best meaning. He passed on universally respected and highly and widely honored. He will long be remembered, not only for the good things he did but for the good, useful, and meaningful life which he led.

Mrs. ABEL. Mr. President, I would be remiss and would not be representing Nebraska or Nebraskans well if I did not call to the attention of the Members of the Senate a phase of the life and character of the late Senator BUTLER. His colleagues knew him as a statesman, interested in the problems of agriculture, irrigation, conservation, and agricultural research, and in the development of our natural resources. I should like to speak of another phase of his fruitful life.

Recently I served with him on the Doane College board of trustees, of which he had been president for the past 40 years, from 1914 to midsummer of 1954.

Doane College, at Crete, Nebr., was his alma mater and the alma mater of his late wife. To us, Senator BUTLER was President BUTLER. He gave to this institution many fine buildings. He built its gymnasium. He added to the campus acreage. He helped build the stadium. He gave the leftover part of his income to this college, and upon his recent death his complete estate went for endowment and future needs of the college.

Senator and Mrs. Butler had 2 children, 2 boys. One passed away at the age of 2, the other at the age of 12. The Butlers did not legally adopt into their family other children, but they provided and guaranteed to many Nebraska boys and girls a college education and a happy college home through their maturing years, and the Butlers will continue to guarantee college educations and happy college homes to many more Nebraska boys and girls in the years to come.

If any of Senator BUTLER's colleagues should wish to pay homage to him, let him not go to the wooded slope in the Memorial Park in Omaha, his last resting place. Rather, let him go 80 miles farther, through Lincoln, and then 20 miles beyond, to Doane College campus. There he will see stately trees, 70 years old, and beautiful buildings. There he will see boys and girls going from classroom to library, and from classroom to fields of recreation.

On their faces he will see a happy look, for they are attaining a growing knowledge of constitutional government, and are enthusiastic about our American way of life, all of which is truly a living memorial to Senator HUGH BUTLER.

Senator BUTLER was truly a statesman. He was also an educator, a philanthropist, and a humanitarian.

Mr. BRIDGES. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to the late HUGH BUTLER, of Nebraska. It is with a feeling of deep regret and sadness that I rise in the Senate Chamber today to pay my humble respects to Senator BUTLER, a man I admired deeply. In my opinion, he was a great American, and a very real asset to this legislative body. The Senate of the United States has suffered a profound loss in his death.

My distinguished colleague was a self-made man, and his accomplishments were many. As chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, and as ranking member of the Finance Committee, he created an outstanding record for himself and his country. One of his accomplishments was the part he played in the enactment of the monumental Government Corporation Control Act.

He realized at an early age the difficulties his father faced earning his livelihood from the soil, and was unusually sensitive to the disadvantageous position which the farmers and ranchers held in the national economy. He entered the Senate in 1941, and continued to represent the interests of the people of the farms and ranches with a vigor and vitality that will long be remembered by his fellow Nebraskans and by the country as a whole.

Senator BUTLER was a man of deep religious convictions, which he practiced daily, and out of his devotion to them came a humbleness that is seldom seen in men.

I wish to pay high tribute to Senator BUTLER, whom we shall all miss. His death is a loss to America.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I desire to pay my sincere tribute to our beloved colleague, the late Senator HUGH BUTLER, of Nebraska.

Although we sat on opposite sides of the aisle, I always bore for him deep respect and affection.

HUGH BUTLER was a man of strong loyalties, with a deep sense of the obligations that accompany public office. He realized fully that the people were entitled to service and hard work from their chosen representatives, and he gave them both in full measure.

Although we frequently disagreed on the issues of the day, our disagreements were always conducted on the plane of principle. In our relationships, I learned early that HUGH BUTLER'S word was his bond—a bond that would always be redeemed.

He was a quiet man, an unassuming man. But he bore on his shoulders a heavy burden of the legislative work of the Senate. He never shirked his duty, and never turned from what he considered the course laid down by conscience.

Mr. President, there is a special place in the hearts of all of us for men such as HUGH BUTLER. It is the place reserved for those who have met the struggles of life with courage and with rectitude.

The people of his State and all the other people of America can mark his passing with the highest tribute that can be paid to any man—the thought that his life was one of constructive service and real devotion to his country.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. President, I wish to pay my respects to the memory of our departed colleague, my dear friend, the late Senator HUGH BUTLER, of Nebraska, for whom we are holding a memorial service today.

I first knew HUGH BUTLER when he was a comparatively new Member of the Senate and I was a member of the Republican National Committee. Inasmuch as I had lived in Colorado for some years in the earlier part of my life, and he was from Nebraska, we had many common interests which grew out of those Middle West contacts.

HUGH BUTLER was of great value to this body because of his western conservatism and because he always was prepared to give us a warning signal if we attempted to wander in dangerous political directions toward which his background and his deep convictions made him hesitate to go. I was always profoundly impressed by his obvious and fundamental integrity and what I felt were his reliances upon the deeper spiritual values of life.

HUGH stands out as an eager helper of his colleagues in the Senate, and I shall always appreciate the things he did for me when I was a new Member here without experience. As chairman of the Committee on Committees, he has helped every one of us in the difficult job of straightening out our committee assignments at the beginning of each new Congress.

To his family and to his intimate friends, Mrs. Smith and I desire to express our deepest sympathy in the great loss they have sustained.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. President, I knew HUGH BUTLER for many years. He was a great and outstanding citizen of my native State of Nebraska. While a young man, he spent a couple of years working on the construction of the Burlington Railroad, in Wyoming. He made many acquaintances during that time, which ripened into lifetime friendships.

While I was serving in the House of Representatives, I came to know Senator BUTLER well during his first term in the Senate. I was, therefore, pleased to be assigned to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs when I first became a Member of this body, for there I came to love and

respect Senator BUTLER for those great human qualities which endeared him to his fellow men.

He was a great citizen of Nebraska, an outstanding United States Senator, and a great American.

Mr. MARTIN. Mr. President, all of us recall the deep sorrow which filled this Chamber when it was announced at a late hour on July 1 that our beloved colleague, HUGH BUTLER, had been called by his Maker to eternal rest.

The tragic news came as a severe shock, for HUGH BUTLER had endeared himself to every Member of the Senate. He was respected and admired as a true Christian gentleman, a leader among men, a great, patriotic American, whose life and career exemplified the spirit of service to his country and his fellow men.

HUGH BUTLER's boyhood in a sod house linked him with the pioneering past of which his parents were a part. Hardship and toil were the daily portion of his youth, but he climbed to success in many fields, through the boundless energy and perseverance that continued throughout his life.

Senator BUTLER's greatness as a man can be measured by his unselfish service to his church, his generous contributions to the education of young people, his leadership in civic groups, the Salvation Army, the YMCA, the Community Chest, and many other enterprises that advance the general welfare.

His record in the United States Senate is outstanding. He exerted great influence for the public good as chairman of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. It was my good fortune to be associated with Senator BUTLER on the Senate Finance Committee, and I cannot praise too highly his conscientious devotion to the public interest, his unfailing sincerity, and his sound judgment.

HUGH BUTLER was a modest man, a kindly and gentle man, whose one purpose in life was to build a better America. He will be sadly missed, and I am proud to honor his memory.

Mr. SALTONSTALL. Mr. President, although I never had the opportunity to serve in close association with Senator HUGH BUTLER, of Nebraska, I shall always remember his fine qualities of mind and heart, and I shall cherish the memory of his friendship.

Among his other responsibilities he served as chairman of the committee on committees, and no one could have been better qualified to fill that position. He worked out the problems of committee assignments with understanding of our individual cases and with the greatest desire to achieve the best results and, at the same time, to give satisfaction to the various Senators.

He was a student of farm problems, and at the same time he understood the business point of view. I recall with pleasure a day spent with him in Omaha, Nebr., his home town, at his place of business, and at other places, when he tried to teach me, and I tried to learn, the workings of the grain exchange and how it affected the farmer, the grain broker, and, ultimately, the consumers, a great number of whom are to be found in my State. As chairman of the committee on committees he will leave a memory with us all. We shall always, in the years to come, recall him as a Member of the Senate who possessed great human understanding and demonstrated great friendliness.

Mr. President, I had a warm feeling of regard for all three of the Senators whose memories we honor and revere today, and I join, from the bottom of my heart, in the tributes to them and in the sympathy which we all extend to their families.

Mr. FREAR. Mr. President, Senator BUTLER and I served together on the Finance Committee. In such a close association it is not difficult to appraise and to evaluate the efforts of individual committee members.

Senator BUTLER was a great credit both to his State and to the Nation. Although, of necessity, he devoted much of his time and effort to the committee of which he was chair-

man, yet he did not overlook or slight the other responsibilities which were his as a member of the Finance Committee and of the Senate itself.

It is a great tragedy when Members of the Senate who have, through long years of experience, reached a position where their wisdom and broad knowledge of the legislative branch of the Government can be most effectively applied, are taken from us.

The great State of Nebraska will, I am sure, always remember the services which HUGH BUTLER rendered to his State and the Nation so faithfully and well.

Mr. WELKER. Mr. President, HUGH BUTLER was an institution in himself. Coming from the near neighboring State of Nebraska, I learned to love him the first day I came into the Senate. Along with the immortal Ken Wherry, they became my good, close, and intimate friends.

As most of my colleagues know, HUGH BUTLER led a life of sorrow, having had tragedy strike in his home just a few days after his election to the great office he held for so many years. However, HUGH BUTLER never complained. Stalwart as we all knew him to be, he had a happy smile, and always a kind word. He never complained of the sorrow that made his heart so heavy through all the years of his service in the Senate. His dedication to his country is best exemplified by the love and affection the people of Nebraska had for him.

Mr. HENDRICKSON. Mr. President, I rise to join in the richly deserved tributes to the late Senator HUGH BUTLER, of Nebraska.

In this country we have an organization known as the Rotary International. It is a wonderful organization. It has a great motto, "service above self." HUGH BUTLER was dedicated to that motto. One of his first public services, aside from his civic activities, I suppose, was in the capacity of a great Rotarian. He came to this body in that same spirit "service above self"—and lived up to it.

As has been stated, he was a man of deep convictions. He never swerved from his course of duty, and he was always a gentleman. Mr. President, a great English monarch once said that men can make a king, but only God can make a gentleman. God made one in HUGH BUTLER.

We of the Senate mourn today as we think of his passing. But we are grateful for our association with him.

Mr. President, I never had the privilege of serving with HUGH BUTLER upon a Senate committee, but I have seen the products of his great work on his committees. He had a quiet, unassuming dignity of the sort which brings the confidence of the people to any organization with which such a person is associated. The Senate of the United States has benefited greatly by the quiet dignity HUGH BUTLER brought here. He was a great son of Nebraska, a wonderful Senator, and an American of whom we are all proud.

I join with my colleagues as they express their deepest sympathy to all of HUGH BUTLER's friends and to his family.

Mr. BRICKER. Mr. President, within the past few months I have lost 4 close, personal friends and associates in this body; the Members of the Senate have lost 4 distinguished and beloved colleagues; and our country has lost the services of 4 great patriots.

I had the personal privilege of sitting here by the side of Senator HUGH BUTLER, a wise counselor, a great patriot, and a keen student of our government, one who always was stanch in his convictions. That privilege I shall long cherish.

He rendered to his country great service. He had deep and abiding convictions. His services ranged into fields beyond his political activities, particularly in the field of education and in the field of service to his church.

He will long be remembered. Our sympathies go to his family.

Mr. CAPEHART. Mr. President, I never knew a man any more friendly, any more sincere, or any more conscientious

than HUGH BUTLER. He was a great gentleman. He loved his country. He loved his party. We shall miss him in this body. There are too few men possessing the attributes and virtues which our esteemed friend, Senator BUTLER, exemplified.

Mr. AIKEN. Mr. President, I wish to pay my respects to one of the best friends I have ever had in the Senate, Senator HUGH BUTLER, of Nebraska. We became good friends from the time we first came to the Senate, in January 1941.

During recent years it had been our practice to spend brief vacations together in the Canadian woods. I learned to like HUGH immensely, and I always respected him very highly. When we were on our vacation trips I found him to be a good fisherman, a good camp mate, and a good sportsman in every way.

However, what impressed me most about HUGH BUTLER was the manner in which he mingled with people. He was very much at home with those whom we choose to call the ordinary people. Whether we were in Vermont or in his home State of Nebraska, he was always visiting with men working on the roads, people at chamber of commerce meetings, post-office employees, and all kinds of people. He loved to give little talks to those people. One time when I was with him he spoke to 4 or 5 different groups. He felt perfectly at ease with them. On the other hand, I always felt that he never was entirely at ease in making a formal address before the Senate. He was a regular human being in that respect. I had sympathy for his feelings.

Perhaps one thing more than anything else that had to do with our getting together was the situation in which he found himself early in his life. His mother died when he was about 8 years old, and during the summers his father put him out to work and to live with a family which had migrated to Nebraska from Vermont. He told me that when he was living with that family he learned two things. He learned to like the taste of maple sirup, and he learned the

value of a dollar. To the time of his death, he knew the value of a dollar.

He was a true Nebraskan, who was very ardently in love with his State, and he would delight in recounting the manner in which Nebraska had been settled and had grown up to become the great State it is.

As a Member of the Senate, he looked after the interests of his State very well indeed. He was always thinking of what was good for Nebraska. That fact, however, did not keep him from thinking in behalf of the whole United States.

He was very jealous of our American traditions, and he would rise to defend them at any time when he felt they were being threatened, either from within or without.

I wish we had more men like HUGH BUTLER in the United States today. Perhaps he was old-fashioned in some respects. Perhaps it was not up to date of him to think that all people ought to work for a living. He certainly believed it. I believe that his adherence to the traditions upon which our country was founded was of tremendous value, and for that I hold him in the highest respect.

We shall all miss him. He had a host of friends, particularly among the farm people, the working people, and many of the people whom we choose to call the ordinary people. I do not think anyone will miss him more than I do.

Mr. HOLLAND. Mr. President, I should like to join in the words of sympathy, respect, and appreciation which have been uttered by the two new Senators from Nebraska relative to that splendid Senator from Nebraska, HUGH BUTLER, who passed away a few months ago. He certainly was a great Senator and a great American, and we all mourn his passing.

Mr. STENNIS. Mr. President, I wish to join in the sentiments expressed by other Senators who have paid tribute to the memory of our late colleague, HUGH BUTLER. I recall that on the morning I took the oath as a Senator—and I

was the only Member of the Senate sworn in at that time—HUGH BUTLER was the first one, after I had taken the oath, to seek me out and say a word of encouragement and to refer to some matters of common interest in connection with important legislation.

While I did not serve with him as a member of a committee, I learned to know him as a Senator on the floor who made up his mind with regard to the soundness of legislation and then stood firmly by his convictions. I learned to know him also, Mr. President, because of his interest in youth and in the small college, which is one of the great institutions which has helped to make America great, and which I hope will never pass. Senator BUTLER felt small colleges were being engulfed in part by the tumult and the rush of the times. He felt that the small colleges were very important in the scheme of education, in making contact with our youth and giving them personal training. I did not know that he had endowed so greatly such an institution in his home State, although I did know of his deep interest in the training of youth.

Mr. President, in that connection, I raise a question which was first asked by Cicero, many centuries ago, when he said:

> What greater or better gift can we offer to the Republic than to teach and instruct our youth?

That was one of the great contributions of HUGH BUTLER. I salute his memory because of it, and, as an American, I am proud of his fine work in this important field of endeavor.

Mr. JOHNSON of Colorado. Mr. President, HUGH BUTLER, typical of the great State of Nebraska, with her endless prairies and her deep rich soil, was a solid citizen. He was industrious, honest, proud, devoted, persistent, conservative, frugal, gentle, kindly, simple, and above all absolutely dependable year in and year out. He was generous. When the young lady in my office was shot down by a prowler a

year ago, Senator BUTLER started a subscription list with a generous gift to help with her heavy hospital expenses.

He was a strong man of fixed character and inflexible principles. He owned the grain elevator and flour mill in the village near by the Nebraska farm where I grew up. He was a trusted friend of my father.

He was devoted to Doane College at Crete, Nebr.; to the Congregational Church; to the Republican Party; and to his beloved State. No personal sacrifice was too great for any of them. On each of these great institutions he left the imprint of the nobility of his character.

He was successful in business and in all of his undertakings, and yet fate was cruel to him. Death took both of his sons, his devoted wife, and his beloved brother, and left him a very lonely man. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith and their children gave him a pleasant home life in the twilight of his stay on earth.

The duties and burdens of his high office became an integral part of him, and it was his burning desire to serve his State and his Nation to the very best of his ability. He had no other mission in life. He was true to his lofty ideals. HUGH BUTLER was a good man.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, to have known HUGH BUTLER has been one of the grand experiences for those of us who have worked with him in the Senate of the United States.

It has been my privilege to have worked with him, particularly on committees, and there is no better place to learn quickly the mold to which men's souls are set.

We were copatrons of the Corporation Control Act, which the President of the United States described as a "long delayed forward step," and the Comptroller General of the United States said it was "the most forward looking and outstanding measure in its field" in 25 years.

It was exceedingly complex legislation which required tedious and painstaking preparation, having to do with controlling the financial activities and the financial disbursements

of more than 48 Government corporations. It was an undertaking that proved Senator BUTLER to be a man of splendid enterprise.

Surely it may be said of him that he was a man patient with delay, a man who moved with the confidence of reason, a man who dreamed of harvests, and was willing to toil to produce them.

He had the power and the light of a clear conscience, and the facility to control his fears and impulses. He deemed it his duty to be useful to the fullest extent of his powers. He had the spirit of work to make the country better for his service in the Senate.

In more recent years I marveled at his persistence and unfaltering courage. But he must have known the comfort of effort.

In the tumultuous days of the past 14 years, he played his part with modesty almost to the extreme; always with a gentle wisdom flowing from a fine mind which had clear conception of duty for its ballast.

His independence of intellect was combined with goodness of heart. He had neither the power nor the will to hurt, and in all of my association with him I never saw an indication of profane thought.

He found pleasure in the true and the just.

He was a friend of the kind we find once in a while, truly worthy of homage on earth.

Mr. CARLSON. Mr. President, I would not like to have this opportunity pass without publicly expressing my appreciation for having had the privilege and opportunity of serving with the departed colleagues to whom we pay tribute and honor today.

It so happens that Senator BUTLER, of Nebraska; Senator LESTER C. HUNT, of Wyoming; and Senator PAT MCCARRAN were from the great, wide-open spaces of the West. At this time I wish to pay tribute to my great friend, Senator BUTLER, of Nebraska.

Mr. President, it so happens that this is the centennial year of both Kansas and Nebraska. They were organized as Territories at the same time. During the 66 years of Senator BUTLER's life in Nebraska, he had the opportunity to watch the growth and development of that great State, of which he became a part. To me, as a Kansan and a neighbor, the growth and development of both of those States were typical of the men and women who made them. In the great Midwest we have been blessed because of men and women who have had vision. But it took more than vision to make those great States; it took faith and courage.

The Good Book says:

Where there is no vision, the people perish.

So we have been blessed because we had men of the type of HUGH BUTLER.

Today, in paying tribute to the memory of HUGH BUTLER, the thing I realize most clearly is that his deeds live after him. Those of us who had the privilege of knowing his interest in life and his very personal interest in young people, as has been stated by the distinguished and able Senators from Nebraska, are aware of his devotion to Doane College, which it was my privilege to visit with him on many occasions. We also know of the satisfaction he obtained from life, and especially from the fact that so many of the young men and young women of his State had made a mark in life. So he felt he had contributed by helping in that direction.

Therefore, Mr. President, as we serve in the legislative branch of our Government, I believe it is well for us to look back to the things that mean so much to the individual as he goes through life.

HUGH BUTLER was a great Christian leader, with devoted interest to the church and to young people.

In connection with his service in the Senate, it was my privilege to serve with him on the Senate Finance Committee. We were very close; and I, too, had an opportunity to observe his interest in the welfare of the Nation and in promoting its stability and progress.

So, today, as a native of Kansas, I wish to pay tribute to a great son of Nebraska, Senator HUGH BUTLER.

Mr. CASE. Mr. President, the three departed Members of this body to whom so many fitting and eloquent tributes have been paid today all came from the western section of the United States—HUGH BUTLER from Nebraska, LESTER HUNT from Wyoming, and PAT MCCARRAN from Nevada.

In American history a high place has properly been accorded to the traditions of the West in the development of American character. As one who has lived his life in the West, I think I can say that there could hardly be selected three men who have made greater contribution to American character than those three men—HUGH BUTLER, LESTER HUNT, and PAT MCCARRAN—by giving to America the spirit of the West.

On an earlier occasion, on the day following Senator BUTLER's passing, I spoke of my personal acquaintance with him, which went back farther than my acquaintance with any other Member of this body or of the House.

I shall not attempt to repeat what has been recounted here today in estimating the great influence which his life will have down through the years because of the gifts he has made to education and the encouragement he has given to young men and women to obtain an education and equip themselves for life.

Today I should like to express my appreciation of his contribution to the West because of his leadership in the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, his deep interest in the great program of development along the Missouri River Basin, his interest in irrigation, and his interest in the welfare of the stockmen in the great open spaces of the West.

Mr. CLEMENTS. Mr. President, I desire to join with my colleagues in expressing the profound loss which was suffered by myself, the people of Nebraska, and the Nation, in the passing of my friend, Senator HUGH BUTLER.

Many knew him longer and more intimately than I, but none had greater regard for his courage, his honesty, and his devotion to the principles which he conscientiously upheld. Senator BUTLER and I served together on the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs when he was the ranking member of his party on that committee and later when he was chairman. On many issues, we found ourselves in disagreement, yet he never allowed this diversity of opinion to become personal, and I always knew that his decisions were based on his honest and sincere interpretation of the best interests of the people he represented.

HUGH BUTLER was a successful businessman, an active participant in the civic and religious life of his State, and his ability was recognized by the people of Nebraska, who sent him to the Nation's Capital to serve them—and serve them well he did.

Many will follow in his footsteps, but few will be so venerated and beloved as will HUGH BUTLER.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1954.

Mr. WILEY. Mr. President, as I said a moment ago, I regret very much that I was unable to participate in the memorial services held the other day in the Senate. Because for a decade I was closely associated with Senator HUGH BUTLER, of Nebraska, and felt very close to him in many ways, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Record a brief statement I have prepared in tribute to his memory.

There being no objection, the statement was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

REMARKS PREPARED BY SENATOR WILEY IN TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SENATOR BUTLER, OF NEBRASKA

I rise to express my deep and profound sorrow at the death of our beloved colleague, Senator HUGH BUTLER.

It was my privilege to know him well. We served together for more than a decade and I became well acquainted with his great ability and his equally great integrity.

I have said before that I do not view death as an end. It is only a moment in the Maker's eternal and continuing scheme of things. HUGH BUTLER leaves on one side an indelible, if unseen, influence with the people of Nebraska and of the Nation. On the other, he now passes into a future which we cannot fathom but which must contain a welcome place for this great man.

It is times like these that serve to focus our attention on the divine guidance under which we all live, whether we know it or not. While all of us, great or small, leave an imprint on history, those who are constantly aware of the moral and spiritual element in life make the greater contribution to their fellow men.

HUGH BUTLER was one of these. We shall miss him.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1955.

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be printed in the body of the Record a eulogy which I have prepared on the life and public service of Senator HUGH BUTLER who died during the 83d Congress.

There being no objection, the eulogy was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

Mr. President, one of the Senators who welcomed me to Congress in 1946 was a man whom I had come to know and admire as the Republican national committeeman from Nebraska, our departed colleague, Senator HUGH BUTLER.

My first committee assignment was to Interior and Insular Affairs, where I had the good fortune of serving with Senator BUTLER until his untimely death in 1954. Few men in the Congress have taken their committee chairmanships as seriously and served so fairly and impartially as this good man from Nebraska.

Senator BUTLER acquired his fine, charitable, Christian nature through a lifetime of service in religious and public-service organizations. Groups that he served with distinction and devotion, both as an official and a member, included Rotary International, the Omaha Board of Education, and advisory boards of the YMCA, Salvation Army, Community Chest, and the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. In addition, he served as moderator of the Nebraska congregational churches.

His ability to get along with people and to appeal to their better natures served him well in his efforts in the Senate and its committees, and the sound achievements of the 83d Congress in the

field of Interior and Insular Affairs stand largely as a monument to his ability as an organizer and to the personal esteem and friendship he had acquired among Members on both sides of the aisle.

His passing is a great loss to his family, his State, and to his many friends in Nebraska and to those of us who served with him in the Congress.

FRIDAY, *January 28, 1955*

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. President, it is appropriate, I am sure, that my first remarks in this Chamber pay tribute to our former colleague, HUGH BUTLER.

The esteem in which he was held was noted by many Senators, on both sides of the aisle, at the time of his death last summer. To me, his loss was the loss of a friend in the truest and noblest sense of friendship. I sought his counsel before seeking membership in the House of Representatives in 1938. Through all my years in the House, I valued his contribution to me as a friend, and as a man of keen judgment and great character.

In his private life, HUGH BUTLER grew in a manner possible only in America. From a humble beginning, he overcame personal handicap, to gain an education and to earn a prominent role in the business and civic life of his community.

As he prospered, he devoted much of his time and wealth to the welfare of others. His church, his college, and many, many others were the recipients of his bounty.

HUGH BUTLER'S life was marked with personal tragedy. Two sons died in childhood; and his devoted wife, Faye, died as he entered his first term in the Senate. He never overcame this grief, but it served to make him always mindful of another's tribulation. He lived selflessly and generously, devoting both his public and private roles to doing for others.

Perhaps the greatest achievement of HUGH BUTLER was that, despite his many successes, he lived a simple and frugal

life. Whenever he paused in his travels over Nebraska he was among friends. He worked diligently for the people of Nebraska because he had a deep affection for them and he knew and understood their problems.

Success in life varies with individual interpretation. But, I am sure, when defined in the abstract, success is measured by one's contribution to others. If this be true, HUGH BUTLER was eminently successful. His contributions, both material and spiritual, enriched those who knew him, and will make life better for many who will never have known him.

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FRIDAY, *July 2, 1954.*

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Ast, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had adopted the following resolution (S. Res. 274):

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Hon. HUGH BUTLER, late a Senator from the State of Nebraska.

Resolved, That the President of the Senate appoint a committee, of which he shall be a member, to attend the funeral of the deceased Senator.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senator, the Senate do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. Curtis].

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, once more I am compelled to arise and announce the death of a great Nebraskan who served in this Congress. If ever I made a statement under emotional strain it is now. Nebraska's senior Senator, the Honorable HUGH A. BUTLER, died last night at the Bethesda Naval Medical Center at about 11:30.

When we say that we have lost a great and good man we make an understatement. Nebraska has produced only one HUGH BUTLER. He was a great citizen, a great civic leader, a great philanthropist, a great churchman, and a great statesman.

Senator BUTLER was born in Missouri Valley, Iowa, on February 28, 1878. He graduated from Doane College at Crete, Nebr., in June 1900. For the next 8 years he engaged in his

profession, that of a construction engineer, for the Burlington Railroad. Since 1908 until his election to the United States Senate he engaged in the flour and grain business.

Every American boy and girl can take encouragement from the rise of HUGH BUTLER. He became an eminent businessman. He started out from meager beginnings. He was an example to all that certain fundamental truths, as hard work, intelligence, honesty, integrity, and character, pay.

Senator BUTLER was a successful man. He served our State in many important civic capacities, including offices in his church, district governor of Rotary International, and many other like capacities. He was made Republican national committeeman and in that capacity he proved that he was a real leader of men. His interest in good government and in the progress of the people caused men and women to follow him and to love him.

HUGH BUTLER was elected to the Senate of the United States in 1940 and took office on January 3, 1941. He was reelected in 1946 and again reelected in 1952.

Senator HUGH BUTLER was one of the most powerful men in the United States Congress. He was chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and the ranking member on the Senate Committee on Finance. But it was not just because he held these particular posts that made him a man of influence. It was HUGH BUTLER, himself, and the confidence that he generated in those about him, his qualities of leadership and his good judgment, his sterling character and his love of his fellow men and his love of his country that gave him stature. HUGH BUTLER went about doing good. There are many individuals in Nebraska who obtained an education and started on their road of success because of the quiet help of HUGH BUTLER. For years he was an important member of the board of trustees of his alma mater, Doane College. It was dear to his heart. He was, perhaps, its greatest benefactor. Senator BUTLER and his brother, Frank, left as a memorial to their parents the Butler Memorial

Library at Cambridge, Nebr., in my district. His whole life from beginning to end was one of helping people and doing good. This good and great man was needed by our State. He was needed by our country. Many of us have lost one of the dearest friends we have ever had. I recall 16 years ago last month, as a young man 33 years of age, I hunted up HUGH BUTLER. I did not know him then, but I told him I was interested in running for Congress. I shall always remember that pleasant smile, that wavy gray hair, and that interest in young men. We talked a little while and he helped me, and he helped me to the end. I have lost a friend more valuable than I can describe. Senator BUTLER is gone to a much deserved reward. His labors are over and he has entered that House not made with hands eternal in the Heavens. His Christian faith caused him to depart from us unafraid.

I yield to my colleague, the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. Miller].

Mr. MILLER of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, it is with saddened spirits and a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to a very close friend of mine, Senator HUGH BUTLER—a great statesman, a great Senator, and, above all, a great American—who died last night.

He was a driving force and an inspiration to all who worked with him or knew him.

I was shocked early yesterday morning when I learned of the Senator's illness. Late last night, as I went to his bedside, it seemed certain the Grim Reaper would soon claim my friend.

We had worked together for many years. Many evenings were spent together discussing legislation or meeting socially.

He was a rugged individual, who commanded the respect of everyone. In Congress some did not agree with him, but they respected his opinions and judgment.

Truly it may be said that the death of Senator BUTLER is a great loss to the Nation as well as to the people of the

State of Nebraska whom he represented so forcefully. Indeed, in these times, when freedom-loving peoples everywhere look to the United States for leadership, the loss of Senator BUTLER is especially to be lamented, because peace and security and freedom and opportunity for all men of good will were uppermost in his heart and mind.

We from Nebraska fully realized his contributions because we knew him better throughout the years of his public service, and his loss will be felt more keenly there.

Nebraskans knew him as a tireless worker, a good neighbor, an excellent friend, and as a person who was ever willing to give his hand to a worthy cause.

This is evidenced by his long and excellent record in civic organizations. He served as district governor of Rotary International and was elected to serve as a member of its board.

In Omaha, his hometown, he served as a member of the board of education, the YMCA board, the Salvation Army advisory board, community chest, and chamber of commerce.

In all these fields he excelled. His services on community projects were often sought and he heeded almost every call.

He was a God-fearing man and deeply religious. He served the church quite actively, being the State moderator of the Nebraska Congregational churches during 1937 and 1938.

One of Senator BUTLER's deepest loves was for Doane College at Crete, Nebr.—his alma mater. Up until the time of his death, he was the chairman of its board of trustees.

He was a self-made man who worked his way through college. On campus, he was known as a pillar of strength and force even though he was slight of build. He was determined that he would succeed.

And success was his. It did not come easy, but that is the way he liked it. He was a rugged individual, typical of the early midwesterner. He asked nothing from anyone and believed a person should earn his keep by the sweat of his

brow and the strength of his back. He often told me that the best tonic for him was work.

He carried that philosophy all through life.

Early in his career, he became an engineer with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, but soon he transferred his efforts to the flour milling and grain business. His qualities and leadership in this field were soon recognized, and he was elected to serve two terms as president of the Omaha Grain Exchange, later was elected and reelected president of the National Grain Dealers Association.

In 1936, Senator BUTLER became Republican National Committeeman from Nebraska and served in that capacity until 1940 when he was elected to his first of three terms to the United States Senate.

HUGH was ever conscious of the individual's rights. He believed in Abraham Lincoln's philosophy of government—a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

He carried that philosophy with him to the United States Senate.

All who knew Senator BUTLER and observed his career, especially those who worked with him, are quite capable of appraising his accomplishments on behalf of his country. To each one, some characteristic stands foremost.

For my part, his quality of leadership in public affairs and his deep devotion to God and country stand uppermost. He was a tireless worker. The day of his attack found him working diligently scurrying from the floor of the Senate, to conference, to his office, and back again.

Everyone marveled at his boundless energy. At 76, he kept a pace that would have tired a less determined person.

His stamina and fortitude were matched only by his recuperative powers which were phenomenal. Only last year, he underwent a major operation, an operation that would have demanded months of recuperation for a normal person; but he was soon up on his feet and back in his office on the job.

He was acutely aware of the finances of the United States. He was fearful of what might happen if our Government were to continue deficit spending. He strongly believed in a balanced budget and worked vigorously toward that end. I mention this at this time because is is appropriate in eulogizing the late senior Senator from Nebraska. We all know that when great men die some of their objectives, some of their recommendations, have yet to be realized. So it is in regarding Senator BUTLER's effort for improvement of the legislative establishment.

One of his recommendations which has reaped dividends is the General Accounting Office. He recognized a need for a check on Government spending. Just as he was a frugal man, he felt the Federal Government should be frugal.

Senator BUTLER had an integrity, sincerity, a steadfastness and devotion to his public trust that is a living testimonial to his accomplishments. No wonder that thousands in Nebraska and the Nation pay him homage. He knew no compromise with principle. There he saw only one or two colors—black or white. It was right or it was wrong.

He never allowed fancy sophistications to dissipate his resolution to champion the right. He loathed men who were philosophically content with evil. Their tortured efforts to justify were in vain so far as Senator BUTLER was concerned. He scorned them, and saw in them nothing but the tragic prostitution of talent for ignoble purposes.

I have often felt we fail to appreciate these fine public servants who give their life that future generations might have a sound and stable government.

When a great tree falls in our yard, the landscape seems strangely vacant. So when a noble man dies, life, for those of us who remain, seems strangely empty. We who remain must still carry on—there is no letting up in the struggle for the ideals represented by Senator BUTLER and his friends until we all finally gather in that land from which there is no return.

It is difficult to give a true measure of Senator BUTLER's character, ideals, his triumphs, and his many, many disappointments in life. He started out as a poor boy, working his way through school, and rose to great heights. His is truly a Tom Sawyer-Huck Finn story of success. He came from sturdy stock.

The flags have been lowered as thousands join in the accolade paying our respects to a statesman, scholar, and friend to thousands. At the grave of our beloved friend, let us not end in sorrow for our tragic loss, but rather, let us take up the fight and carry on with the same courage and determination as Senator BUTLER has always had.

Death makes no conquest of this conqueror, for now he lives in fame though not in life.

To all his causes, he brought a fighting heart that could only be stilled by death.

Senator BUTLER was preceded in death by his wife in 1941. His two sons also preceded him to their maker—Lawrence Hugh who died in infancy and Robert who passed away at 12.

Mr. Speaker, I have lost a dear, dear friend. My State and Nation have suffered a tremendous loss. But I honor HUGH BUTLER most when I strive to do good as God leads the way.

I extend sympathy to his host of friends and relatives.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished majority leader [Mr. Halleck].

Mr. HALLECK. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues from Nebraska in mourning the passing of the late departed Senator BUTLER.

It was my very real pleasure not so very long ago to appear in Senator BUTLER's home State as guest speaker for the annual Founders' Day program, held this year at Lincoln.

Not the least of my enjoyment on that assignment came from an opportunity to visit with Senator BUTLER during our train ride out to Omaha.

During my stay at Omaha and at Lincoln I was impressed with the deep respect and genuine admiration shown by the folks of Nebraska for their beloved Senator.

The widespread esteem in which he was held is understandable to all who knew HUGH BUTLER.

He was a man of great versatility, having achieved notable success in business, in politics, in service to his church, and in club work. In each of these activities HUGH BUTLER demonstrated his outstanding qualities of leadership and diligent application of energy.

HUGH BUTLER was a man of sound, well-balanced judgment—a whole man, if you please, practical yet great-hearted, humble in his achievements but with a quiet self-reliance which lent confidence to those around him.

He was a Christian gentleman, a kind and loyal friend, a sturdy champion of the kind of Americanism that has made this Nation great.

He will be sorely missed by his devoted colleagues here in the Congress, by his many, many friends and neighbors of Nebraska, and by the citizenry of a grateful Nation in whose cause he served so faithfully and so well.

I am impressed by the simple yet obviously heartfelt tribute paid HUGH BUTLER by his staff assistant, who said of him, "He's just one of the finest men you'd ever know."

Certainly any man would be everlastingly proud and grateful to have that said of him.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. Harrison].

Mr. HARRISON of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in expressing my bereavement over the passing of this great Senator from Nebraska, Senator HUGH BUTLER.

The passing of Senator HUGH BUTLER comes as a great shock to us who have known him so well. It comes as a great shock to the State of Nebraska and to the Nation.

HUGH ALFRED BUTLER

Although Senator BUTLER was born in Iowa, he spent the greater portion of his life in Nebraska. His accomplishments have been many. He was educated in Nebraska, at Doane College, and because of his education there he has always had a very soft spot in his great heart for this college and has given to it most liberally throughout his life. He has always been very much interested in education. His education was along the lines of engineering, and after graduating from school he pursued his line of education by becoming connected with the Burlington Railroad in Nebraska as a construction engineer. As a construction engineer, he helped to build a number of the well-known railroads that we have in Nebraska at the present time. He was a successful engineer.

Later he decided to go into business for himself, and went into the grain business. He was extremely successful as a grain dealer and a grain operator.

He was always very much interested in farming, and up until the last operated a good-sized farm in the western part of Nebraska and did so successfully and with a great deal of pride and pleasure.

With the same degree of success that he has shown in other endeavors he has displayed in the United States Senate, serving 14 successful years. A great Senator.

I think it was some 5 or 6 years ago, after I had known him for some time, when he was campaigning he came to my town and called me one evening and asked me if I would come and have dinner with him. During our conversation he mentioned several times that I should get into politics. I think probably I am in the position I am in today because of the insistence of Senator HUGH BUTLER. He has always been extremely friendly during his whole life to everyone. He seemed to have an understanding that a great many people do not have. He seemed to understand the ups and downs in the lives of people and was always willing to come to their aid whenever he could. I think probably the great-

est accomplishment he rendered during his entire life was that of doing good for other people.

I think the State of Nebraska and the Nation will miss him as much as they have missed any man who has been in Congress. He has been a great Senator. We in Nebraska have been proud of him and I am sure he will be missed more than we realize here at this particular time.

Mrs. Harrison and I want to join his relatives and host of friends in their bereavement in these hours when he is so much missed.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. Hruska].

Mr. HRUSKA. Mr. Speaker, from his early boyhood days, the interests and activities of HUGH BUTLER centered in and around Nebraska. Born in Missouri Valley, Iowa, he received his education at Doane College in Crete, in which institution he maintained a lifelong and generous interest. His training as an engineer was called into practice in the construction of railroads. Later he operated a flour milling and grain business.

Some insight can be gathered as to his real nature and character by reason of the fact that the partnership formed when he initially went into business had a sound and prosperous history throughout its tenure. From 1918 until he was elected to the Senate, at which time the firm was dissolved so that he as Senator could devote his time to his official duties, it was the proud boast of that partnership that there never was a quarrel or dispute between the two partners, nor was there ever a time when court procedure was invoked either by or against them in any of the multitudinous business activities and transactions in which they engaged, and many of them were very extensive and of large scale. Certainly in that experience there was exemplified the rule that nothing beats fairness, even though temporary disadvantage apparently may be suffered. This business experi-

ence and its happy progress are a tribute both to our late senior Senator and to the partner with whom he was associated for so long.

HUGH BUTLER'S interests were varied throughout his life. He was active in his church work, in many civic groups, in trade associations connected with his business directly as well as indirectly. And he found especial satisfaction in the encouragement and fostering of higher education. This he did not only by generous financial contribution, but likewise by the tremendous power generated from the personal and moral support which he gave to his alma mater, Doane College. In spite of the many cares and official duties which he had, many were the occasions when he attended trustee and committee meetings—often at a great deal of personal sacrifice in time and in travel discomfort. The Christian spirit of HUGH BUTLER will live for a long, long time within the souls of that institution and in the hearts and minds of many young men and young women who have been the recipients of the type of wholesome education which he, in large measure, inspired and made possible.

His record in the Senate of the United States has been an outstanding one. The clarity of thought and the stability which marked his consideration of measures and decisions have been outstanding. The place accorded him in party councils, as well as in Senate deliberations, shows that the principles which governed him in all the aspects of his life's work were well applied and highly appreciated in his work as a United States Senator.

Unfailingly loyal to Nebraska and its interests at all times, he was keenly aware of the fact that he represented an entire Nation. Without, in any way, minimizing his representation of his own State there was always uppermost in his mind "one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

By example and by deed, oftentime unnoticed and without credit extended, he has lived a full and a useful life.

It was my good fortune to count him as one of my closest and most loyal personal friends. In common with innumerable others, there is a sense of loneliness and aloneness which pervade my feelings today as a result of his passing.

Yet, all of us can take comfort in the fruitfulness of his years, in their fullness, and in the constant striving on his part toward and in the attainment in such large degree of the best in American citizenship and the highest in the brotherhood of man.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished minority leader [Mr. McCormack].

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, while it was not my pleasure, one denied to me, to know Senator BUTLER closely, nevertheless, during the years he served in the United States Senate and I have served in this body, we contacted each other on a number of occasions. Of course, the Members of one body keep in touch with the actions of the membership of the other body. So I feel I knew him rather well.

I had profound respect for Senator BUTLER. He was a man of deep faith, of deep convictions and sincerity of purpose. He was a man who had lived not only a good life but an active life. He was a man who contributed to life. He was a builder, not one who thought that life owed him a living but one who felt it was his duty to make contributions toward progress and toward the betterment of our country and of our people.

I know I speak the sentiments of my colleagues on the Democratic side—I am not confining my sentiments to the Democratic side, but I know I express the sentiments of my colleagues in the House on the Democratic side when I extend to the people of Nebraska, to the Nebraska delegation in the House and to the loved ones of the late Senator BUTLER our profound sympathy in the great loss they have sustained in the passing of this distinguished gentleman and

this outstanding legislator. His outstanding record during the past 14 years has been referred to. His death is all the more saddened because in the world of today we need legislators, particularly in the Congress of the United States, who are experienced, who have risen to positions of responsibility in the branch of Congress of which they are a member, and certainly Senator BUTLER's 14 years of service gave him unusual experience to make further contributions to the safety of our country, particularly in these trying days, as well as to the progress of our people.

He was a good man. I think that is about the finest characterization that anyone can give to another, that a person is a good man or a good lady. His life, as I said, has been one of fruitful contribution, and the light from the candle of his life will always shine because his good deeds will always be remembered.

I again extend to my colleagues of the Nebraska delegation, to the people of Nebraska, and particularly to the loved ones of the late Senator that he left behind, not only my own profound sympathy but the sympathy of my colleagues in this branch of the Democratic Party.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. Martin].

Mr. MARTIN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply shocked to hear the information a few minutes ago of the passing of our friend, Senator BUTLER of Nebraska. Long before I came to Congress and before Senator BUTLER came to the Senate, he attained great stature in the business world in our neighbor State in the Midwest. His leadership as a businessman was truly outstanding. I knew him even better in his leadership in my church, the Congregational Church, in which he served as State moderator in 1937–38. I also knew him in the Rotary Club, where he served with distinction as district governor of Rotary International. Then I knew him well also as national Republican committeeman

for the State of Nebraska from 1936 until 1940. On his coming to the Senate in 1940 I again became well acquainted with him in the affairs of state, through his great interest in the work for the Committee on Interior and my own work in that field, with special reference to the problems of our national defense program; again during his service on the Committee on Finance which is so closely related to the work of the Committee on Ways and Means on which it has been my privilege to serve during the past 8 years. I came to know him especially well through his close association with my colleague on the Committee on Ways and Means, the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. Curtis]. We found many points in common in our efforts to build this Nation strong in its economy and in its fiscal structure. Above all of that, I learned to look to Senator BUTLER as a great leader in religious lines, because he recognized spiritual leadership as the greatest factor underlying this Nation as did our forefathers in founding it and carrying it on and establishing it as we know it today. All of these factors have added up to a magnificent contribution by Senator BUTLER.

We honor his memory for what he did to make this Nation a greater and a stronger Nation for those who follow us. I welcome this opportunity to express my great admiration for him and for what he has done.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members who desire to extend their remarks on the life and services of the late Senator BUTLER of Nebraska may have permission to do so at this point in the Record.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Nebraska?

There was no objection.

Mr. FERNÓS-ISERN. Mr. Speaker, the flags at half-mast at the Capitol indicate, most properly, that the passing of Senator HUGH BUTLER, is mourned most deeply, by the entire

Nation. The State of Nebraska has again suffered a great loss. The noncontiguous areas of the Nation, in which the Senator took such great interest, also must suffer this loss very deeply. For many years benevolent effects and advancements, largely the results of his statesmanship, will be felt in those areas. Senator BUTLER personally visited all of the overseas areas of the United States, observed at firsthand their problems, and then did his best to solve or help solve these problems as he saw them.

As chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Senator BUTLER felt a great responsibility to the United States citizens, resident many thousands of miles away.

As to the people of Puerto Rico in particular, those I represent, I must say that they have lost a true and constant friend in the passing of the great Senator. He took an interest which seemed almost personal in obtaining for them the full self-government so necessary for the dignity of man and which they now enjoy in the Commonwealth.

In the 80th Congress, Senator BUTLER introduced and sponsored in the Senate, legislation to permit Puerto Rico, for the first time, to elect its own Governor. In the 81st Congress, Senator BUTLER was an active sponsor of what became Public Law 600 which authorized the organization of a constitutional government by the people of Puerto Rico, and in the 82d Congress, he helped obtain Senate approval of the constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico which resulted in the creation of the Commonwealth.

The whole world has focused attention on the creation of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as one of the most promising and inventive political creations in history. It is no wonder that Puerto Rico's heart is heavy today.

But he interested himself not only with the bigness of things. I recall how distressed he was with a tiny hospital in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V. I., and how he worked that the people of that little community might have better

hospital facilities. Yes; the people of Puerto Rico have lost a dear friend as have the people of the Hawaii, Alaska, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific—as have the people of Nebraska—as have the people of the entire United States.

Senator BUTLER was a kind and quiet man; albeit he was a tower of strength in the United States Senate. When I arrived in Washington by the end of 1946, to fill the unexpired term of my predecessor, Congress had already adjourned; so it was not until the 80th Congress that I really had the opportunity to work with the Members of Congress and with the Senate. One of the very first friends I made here, a solid one upon whom I was to lean heavily during the ensuing years, was Senator BUTLER. He was never too busy to consult on a matter important to Puerto Rico, nor to help all he could. He never once failed the people of Puerto Rico. He never once failed me. During my absence from Washington, the great Senator was as available to members of my staff as he was to me.

I think I have never known a kinder person nor a stronger one. I feel deeply a personal loss, although I know that Senator HUGH BUTLER'S monuments are many, and that his light will shine eternally in the sunlit fields of Nebraska, in the blue waters of the Caribbean, in the woodsy wilderness of Alaska, and the golden sands of Hawaii—and throughout the hundreds of islands in the great Pacific.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

House Resolution 611

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. HUGH BUTLER, a Senator of the United States from the State of Nebraska.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased Senator.

Resolved, That a committee of seven Members be appointed on the part of the House to join the committee appointed on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints the following Members on the part of the House to attend the funeral: Messrs. Curtis of Nebraska, Clevenger, Jensen, Martin of Iowa, Miller of Nebraska, and Hruska.

The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 37 minutes p. m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, July 6, 1954, at 12 o'clock noon.

TUESDAY, *July 6, 1954.*

Mr. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues who have paid tribute to Senator BUTLER. I was indeed saddened last week when I learned of his passing.

Senator BUTLER was well known in Colorado, where he has been a frequent and welcome visitor. We feel in Colorado that we have lost a true friend and one who understood the problems of the West. We extend our sincere sympathy to our sister State of Nebraska in the great loss she has sustained.

It was my great pleasure to know Senator BUTLER before he was elected to the Senate. I first met him in Nebraska, and he had visited Colorado many times. He came to the Senate at the same time I came to the House in January 1941. We became better acquainted as the years went by, and I was indeed proud to consider him a friend.

The death of Senator BUTLER is a great loss, not alone to Nebraska, but to the entire Nation. He was a great American and truly a Christian gentleman. He will be greatly missed by all who believe in good government. His life will forever remain an inspiration and a challenge to those of us who knew him, and who were aware of his sterling qualities.

Memorial Tributes
to
Hugh Alfred Butler

Memorial Tributes

Remarks by Senator Hruska

Of Nebraska

Mr. HRUSKA. Mr. President, there have been made available to me some editorials appearing in Nebraska newspapers immediately following the recent death of Senator HUGH BUTLER, and I ask unanimous consent to have them printed in the Record.

There being no objection, the editorials were ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

[From the Cambridge (Nebr.) Clairon of July 8, 1954]

HE WAS NEVER TOO BUSY TO HELP

Although Senator HUGH BUTLER was busier than many Senators much younger in years, still, he was never too busy to help, when asked to do so. Many people of this area, and of Cambridge especially, can personally verify this statement.

Many times he was asked for help in matters so small they no doubt appeared infinitesimal to a man of his position, on whose decisions matters of great importance to the Nation weighed—but his response was as prompt, and as good natured, as if they were of great significance.

He rose from a small beginning to a man of great wealth and importance—by hard work and initiative. Therefore, he realized how important little things can be to little people.

He was accommodating, because he loved people, and is quoted as saying: "I feel that everyone is my friend." The Saviour said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it for the least of these, ye have done it for Me."

Therefor, he has surely earned the reward of which the psalmist speaks when he said: "Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefor will I deliver him. I will set him on high, because he hath known My name. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation."

Cambridge is indeed proud to be called the home of this great statesman, who has done so much for this part of Nebraska, as well as the State and Nation.

We can truthfully say: "The world was made better because HUGH BUTLER lived."

[From the Omaha World-Herald of July 3, 1954]

HUGH ALFRED BUTLER

HUGH BUTLER was not a brilliant public speaker. Although successful in politics, he was not a spectacular operator in that field. His friends and admirers did not refer to him as a "great statesman." He was not one of the more colorful figures of the Senate.

But to those negatives should be added one positive of such mountainous importance that it overshadows and dwarfs them all.

He was a fine American. Fellow Nebraskans who watched his career knew that in his mind and heart, America would always come first. No foreign influence, either of friend or foe, had any effect upon his actions as a Senator of the United States.

HUGH BUTLER was a prodigious and tireless worker. In a quiet way, without any attempt at showmanship, he was a leader in the Senate.

When Nebraska's late Senator Kenneth Wherry was Republican floor leader, he relied heavily on the counsel of his senior colleague. When the late Senator Griswold replaced Senator Wherry, he too looked to HUGH BUTLER for guidance. So, likewise, did a great number of Senators from other States, both Republicans and Democrats.

HUGH BUTLER came to the Senate by the political route—that is, by serving the Republican Party over a long period of years and becoming known as Nebraska's own Mr. Republican. Yet his closest ally and perhaps best friend in the Senate was a Democrat—Harry F. Byrd, of Virginia. Between them there was a sort of interparty alliance, an unspoken understanding based wholly upon the fact that each regarded the other as a true believer in America and the American way.

Most good Americans are also good citizens of their home town and home State. That goes doubled and redoubled for HUGH BUTLER. He was never too busy to talk about some local problem, or to handle a matter of local importance in Washington. He wasn't the kind of Senator who traded votes in order to get projects for his home State, but so long as he was in Washington the legitimate interests of his people were well protected.

His devotion to Doane College tells a great deal about HUGH BUTLER. He received his degree from that Nebraska school back in 1900, and never ceased to esteem it an honor and a privilege to be a Doane man. It is in no small measure due to his efforts that Doane grew in stature and prestige at a time when many colleges of similar size were drying up.

Two years ago HUGH BUTLER ran for reelection, against the advice of many friends and probably against the counsel of doctors. He was warned that to continue to follow the fast Washington pace might take years off his life. He answered that he loved to serve his country and his fellow Nebraskans, and that he wished in that way to use whatever remaining years might be permitted to him.

We rather surmise that if he had known that his busy career would lead him to an appointment with death this week, that knowledge would not have caused him to change his course by one iota.

[From the Lincoln Evening Journal and Nebraska State Journal of July 2, 1954]

"MR. REPUBLICAN" IS GONE

In the death of Senator HUGH BUTLER the State has lost a strong advocate, a man of extraordinary consistency and firmness. He never wavered from his chosen position, never conceded an inch to anything but facts. Typical was one of his most recent decisions on a national matter, the admission of Hawaii as a State. Opposed to it for years because of apprehension that communism was boring in, Senator BUTLER characteristically went to Hawaii 2 years ago to see for himself. Since then he had consistently favored statehood for the islands. Nothing less than firsthand observation would have overcome his scruples—and no preconception was allowed to color the views growing out of that observation.

Conservative to a degree, Mr. BUTLER was charged from time to time with isolationism, and in a crisis refused to be moved from his stand. Whoever disagreed with him had to admit that he was his own man, forming his own opinions on such evidence as he himself saw, and not to be moved by opposition or criticism. How well this pleased his constituency is shown by the regularity with which he was returned to high office.

Never a personality of the type called colorful, the gentleman from Nebraska was a distinguished alumnus and generous patron of Doane College, not content with writing checks but visiting the campus when he could (as on his last trip home in April) and effective in making and keeping the liberal arts curriculum strong and widely known. He himself had entered Doane on a scholar-

ship, done odd jobs during the school year, and taken to the harvest field in summer, and a few years after graduation entered the grain business that made him wealthy. A Republican by inheritance and temperament, he began in 1936 the political career that eventually took him to the United States Senate and made him third highest in his party in seniority. Death cut off 4 years of his third term there. He died full of honors and universally respected, a strong man, a devoted Nebraskan.

[From the Scottsbluff (Nebr.) Daily Star-Herald of July 3, 1954]

Outstanding Leader Lost

For the third time in 3 years, and for the second time in a little more than 2 months, the State of Nebraska is mourning the loss of a United States Senator.

The death of Hugh Butler, of Omaha, after 14 years of distinguished service to the State and Nation, removed one of its finest citizens, and left the State with the important responsibility of finding for replacement a man of comparably high principles and ability.

A midwesterner by birth and choice, Senator Butler took with him to Washington a deep understanding of the State he represented together with an unshakable belief in the American system and the moral courage to support convictions and beliefs as basic as the prairies where he was born.

His position as a senior Member of that group, and as a member of important Senate committees, makes the problem of replacement doubly difficult, if the State is to maintain its traditionally high quality of representation.

The death toll of Nebraska Senators has been almost continuous for the past 3 years, starting with the passing of the late Kenneth Wherry in November 1951, and followed this year with the death of Dwight Griswold, a neighbor in Scottsbluff and Gering, and with the death of Senator Butler Thursday night.

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